

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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November 28, 2010

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Friday, November 19, 2010, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed reverse designs for the 2011 American Eagle Platinum Coin Program and proposed designs for the 2011 First Spouse Gold Coins and Medals honoring Eliza Johnson and Lucy Hayes. The Committee also reviewed the narrative for the proposed theme for the 2012 Native American \$1 Coin Reverse.

For the reverse design for the 2011 American Eagle Platinum Coin Program, the Committee recommended design AEP-R-01. The design garnered 19 of the 24 possible points through the Committee's scoring process. Committee members commented that the design, showing the Harvest Goddess of Tranquility holding her right hand out to a dove while holding a stalk of wheat, a symbol of life and prosperity, in her left hand, was well suited for the 2011 American Eagle Platinum Coin Program reverse theme of "to insure domestic tranquility."

For the designs for the 2011 First Spouse Gold Coin and Medal honoring Eliza Johnson, the Committee recommended obverse design EJ-O-01. The design received 14 of a possible 21 points. Reverse design EJ-R-03 garnered 15 of a possible 24 points and earned the Committee's recommendation. Committee members commented that the design, which depicts three children dancing and a Marine Band fiddler playing at the Children's Ball held for the 60th birthday of President Johnson, was an appropriate tribute to Eliza Johnson, who was deeply interested in children. The Committee approved a motion requesting that the image of the back of the head of the child appearing in the foreground of the design be modified to reveal a portion of the child's face.

For the coin and medal honoring Lucy Hayes, the Committee recommended obverse design LH-O-02 by collectively assigning 17 of a possible 24 points to it through the scoring process. Reverse design LH-R-03, showing Lucy Hayes interacting with two children during the first White House Easter Egg Roll, earned the Committee's recommendation with 13 of a possible 24 points.

The Committee reviewed the narrative for the proposed theme of the 2012 American Native \$1 Coin Reverse, which is “Trade routes in the 17th century.” The Committee discussed the appropriateness of including a paragraph appearing in the “design theme” portion of the narrative that discusses the role that trade routes and the horse culture played toward the end of the 19th century in providing the means to the U.S. Army to overpower Indian nations. Some members questioned the appropriateness of such a theme for a United States coin and the inclusion of a 19th century element in a 17th century theme. One member commented that the paragraph only provided background information and was not intended to be the theme used on a coin. Another member noted that the paragraph provided the truth about the U.S. government’s actions against Native Americans toward the end of the 19th century and was appropriate for inclusion in the narrative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary B. Marks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Marks" being more legible than the middle initial "B".

Gary B. Marks
Chair